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Invitation to a hearing

Human Rights in South East Asia

on the occasion of the 7th meeting
of the EEC - ASEAN foreign ministers

Organizers:

Amnesty International (Malaysia Ko-Gruppe), Bundeskongress der entwicklungspolitischen Aktionsgruppen, Die Grünen im Bundestag, Europäisches Menschenrechtskomitee für Malaysia / Singapur (KEHMA-S), Die Jusos, Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker, Medico International, Pax Christi, Philippinenbüro e.V., Regenwälder Zeitung, Robin Wood, Südostasien Informationsstelle, Terre des Femmes.

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on Tuesday, May 3rd 1988
10.00 AM - 3.00 PM
in Düsseldorf

Weiterbildungszentrum (WBZ), room 1
Bertha von Suttner Platz 1
(near the main station)

On May 2nd and 3rd, 1988 the EEC-ASEAN foreign ministers will meet for a conference in Düsseldorf. The main topic will be strategies for intensifying economic and political relations between both regional unions.

Human rights issues will not be on the agenda of this conference although many reports from that area indicate a growing oppression and militarization in almost all ASEAN countries.

In order to focus on these topics, we have invited representatives from South East Asia to provide first hand informations at the hearing. Apart from that, European politicians will discuss the responsibility of the EEC for human rights violations in South East Asia as well as perspectives of a cooperation on an equal footing.

Agenda

10.15 h Introduction by Peter Davis, London, former Director of the Anti Slavery Society, the oldest human rights organisation of the world.

10.25 h **Human Rights Violations in South East Asia**; Thongbai Thongbao, Bangkok, Lawyer, Asian Human Rights Commission

10.55 h **The Relationships between the EEC and ASEAN**; N. N.

11.10 h **Mail-Order-Brides: A new kind of Slavery**; Choo-Lin Lap, Singapur, Stichting tegen Vrouwenhandel, Netherlands

11.25 h **East Timor: Indonesian Genocide**; Cristiano da Costa, Lisboa

11.40 h **West Papua/Irian Jaya: Indonesian Colonialism**; cultural group Sampari and Victor Kasiepo, Delft

12.10 h Break

12.25 h **Philippines – Betrayed Hopes. Militarization and Terror**; Leilene Carantes, Regional Development Center, Baguio

12.40 h **Singapur: Human Rights Violations Legalized**; Francis Khoo, Singapur/London

12.55 h **Environmental Destruction: Thailand as an Example**; N. N., Project for Ecological Recovery

13.10 h **Threatened People: The Patani/Southern Thailand as an Example**; Ahmad Wanali, Hamburg

13.20 h Break

13.45 h **Human Rights Violations in South East Asia – The Responsibility of the EEC.** A panel discussion. Brigitte Erler (Amnesty International), Dieter Schanz (MP/SPD), Ludger Volmer (MP/Greens), Wilfried Telkämper (MEP, Greens), Rudi Arndt (MEP/SPD) (invited), Representatives of the Christian Democratic Union, EP, (invited), N. N.